GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4106
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Chinese Journalists
Maragatham Smt. K.

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has asked three Chinese journalists to leave India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these journalists overstayed their visa period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (d) The visa of the Xinhua Bureau Chief in New Delhi had expired on 31st December, 2015 while visas of the two Xinhua correspondents in Mumbai had expired in March 2016. Short-term extensions were given to them to facilitate smooth transition. As per the information available, the journalists have departed India upon expiry of their extended visa.